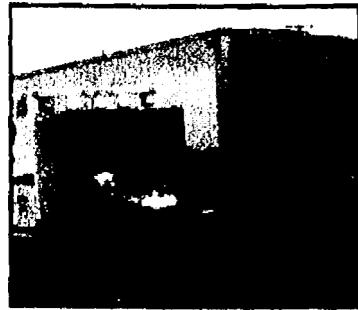


## NEWS

### Woman injured when car struck by semi



A Grayling woman was injured Friday when she was trying to make a left turn onto the I-75 Business Loop and her car was struck by a semi. **10A**

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### Three men vying for school board

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## SPORTS

### Grayling edges Red Devils 48-45 at East Jordan



Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team defeated the East Jordan Red Devils but lost at Roscommon and Harbor Springs last week. On Wednesday, the Vikings won 48-45 at East Jordan. **1B**

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### JV team holds off late run by Bucks, wins 45-39



The Roscommon Bucks cut Grayling's double-digit fourth quarter lead to as few as three points during last Monday's JV boys basketball game at Roscommon, but the Vikings held on for a 45-39 victory. **1B**

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Ausable Primary School teachers, at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year, began a reading initiative called "Becoming Fluent With the Flip." Flip Video camcorders are digital cameras capable of making a recording of up to an hour. Above, second grade teacher Jenny Hetfield looks on as student Megan Benson reviews a video of a book she just read in the Ausable Primary School Library.

## Students flip for reading due to digital cameras

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

In the warm, quiet confines of the Ausable Primary School library, second grade teacher Jenny Hetfield looks on as student Megan Benson reads from a book and a tiny camera captures every word and phrase.

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Flip Video camcorders are digital cameras capable of mak-

ing a recording of up to an hour. The camera can be hand held or placed on a tripod. The digital cameras are called Flip Video camcorders because a plug can be flipped out of the body of the camera and plugged directly into a computer or connected to an extension cord for viewing on a computer monitor or television.

At the Ausable Primary School, the teachers have been using the Flip Video cameras to record students working on their reading skills and are branching out to use the cameras in other subject areas.

The students review the

videos with the teachers. The students also grade themselves on whether they read each word of a sentence or just read the phrases. They also grade themselves on if their reading was choppy versus smooth or flat versus expressing the words and phrases they are reading. Finally, the students judge themselves on the proper use of punctuation and are timed for the number of words read per minute.

First grade teacher Jessica Barth said use of the videos puts the students in tune with their reading progress.

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## Weyerhaeuser mill curtails production

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Weyerhaeuser Company announced on Wednesday, Feb. 11, that its iLevel Strand Technology (Oriented Strand Board) mill in Grayling will implement a reduced operating posture, due to weak demand, beginning the first week of March.

The exact number of associates impacted at the facility will be notified within the next two weeks.

"Demand for our product continues to weaken and we have no other alternative at this time but to reduce supply and the costs associated with it," said Ian Faulkner, general manager of the iLevel Strand Technology mill in Grayling. "This will result in the temporary layoff of approximately 20 to 25 of our mill members."

Weyerhaeuser mills in Arcadia, La., Edson, Alberta and Elkin, N.C., will also adopt the same slowdown posture.

Weyerhaeuser is one of North America's largest producers of oriented strand board, with the capacity to produce 3.7 billion square feet a year.

"Our Grayling mill has been manufacturing oriented strand board for nearly 27 years," Faulkner said. "We are a high performance organization. Our success is due to team member ownership and involvement in operating the mill safely and efficiently. We intend to involve our mill membership in the decisions we have to make moving forward."

Weyerhaeuser continues to employ approximately 230 people in Michigan at facilities in Byron Center, Grayling and Lewiston.

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest forest product companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2008, sales were \$8 billion. It has offices or operations



Representatives of three affiliated local charities presented Ausable Primary School Principal Barbara Mick with an automated external defibrillator (AED) last week. Pictured (from left to right) are Lions Club members Bob Gingerich and Bob Prause, Principal Mick, Lioness Club member Carla Jean Gingerich and Leo Club member Meghan Wyskiel. "The community was very generous," Carla Jean said.

## Local charities donate defibrillator to Ausable Primary School

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

A trio of affiliated Grayling charity organizations have combined their efforts to make Ausable Primary School (APS) more prepared for medical emergencies with the purchase of a new automated external defibrillator (AED).

AEDs deliver an electric charge to the heart in order to restart the organ in the case of

cardiac arrest or similar heart failure. AEDs require almost no training to use correctly, so they can be used by virtually anyone in an emergency situation.

One of these devices was purchased for the primary school this week by a collaboration of the Grayling Lioness Club, the Grayling Lions Club and the Grayling Leo Club.

In recent years, the Lioness Club has purchased AEDs for both Grayling High School and

Grayling Middle School. These schools were given priority because heart trauma is often associated with athletic events.

Two weeks ago, Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers contacted the Lioness Club to let them know that there is a second grade student at AuSable Primary School who has a dangerous heart condition.

Although the club did not

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We can't stress enough how important it is to call the shelter at (989) 348-4117 as soon as you discover your pet missing. It will save you money and keep your pet from experiencing the stress of being in a strange place for any longer than necessary. Many dogs and cats pine away for hours, sometimes days, longing for your familiar face and touch. Don't let your pet suffer because you are afraid of the cost to pick them up from the shelter. We are willing to work with you if you make a sincere effort to claim your dog or cat.

Being faced with overcrowded conditions many times since last September, we have worked diligently to reunite pets with their owners, but we can't do it without the cooperation of pet owners. It is very important to get your dog licensed. It is just as important to make sure your dog/cat wears identification, such as a collar with a license/name tag and phone number. Better yet, have all your pets micro-chipped and keep your address and phone number up to date with the subscribing company. Most importantly, keep your animals home and safe!

We will make it through this time if we work together for the sake of all animals.

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## Three men vying for school board

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

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Incumbent Jim Hulbert, the current school board treasurer whose term is up for re-election, and Richard Febey, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board on Feb. 9, are being challenged by Steven Sendek for their seats on the board.

Febey was appointed to fill a vacancy created on the school board when Dr. Douglas Slater stepped down from his board trustee seat in December. Slater was appointed to serve as medical director of the AuSable Free Clinic, which provides quality health care to the needy and uninsured in the region. Slater's unexpired term on the school board runs through June 30.

Sendek and Karl Schreiner, the former

Grayling Police chief who previously served eight years on the school board, were the other two applicants for Slater's open seat when Febey was selected for the position by fellow school board members.

The annual school election will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Hulbert is a social worker specializing in youth and family cases handled by Community Mental Health and Department of Human Services agencies in the region. Hulbert, who lives in Frederic, is finishing his first four-year term on the school board.

Febey was a self employed physical therapist in Grayling who recently retired and wants to devote more time to the community. His wife, Barbara Febey, is a mathematics teacher at Grayling High School.

Febey was defeated by current Crawford AuSable School Board Trustee Sandra Enos in last year's

election. Sendek is a fisheries biologist based out of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Grayling field office. Sendek has two sons who have graduated from Grayling High School, and one who is still enrolled in school, and also wants to volunteer more time serving the community.

Voters will also be asked to approve a renewal of the district's non-homestead operating millage at the polls. The tax levy, which is for 18 mills, is collected from business owners and the owners of secondary homes and cabins located in the school district. The tax does not impact homes used as primary residences.

The millage generates \$5.2 million annually, which is about 33 percent of the school district's \$16 million budget. The non-homestead tax would be collected from 2010 to 2012.

"On our May election ballot, the state requires us to ask our voters to renew the non-homestead millage rate which is not a tax increase, it's just a continuation of funding for our schools," Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said. "It represents over \$5 million, which is critical for our schools to stay operating."

Last week, the school board voted to hold its school elections on odd numbered election years instead of being held every May. The term for board members was changed from a four-year term to a six-year term.

The switch will allow the school district to share election costs with Kirtland Community College and Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD), who already operate on an odd-year election cycle with six-year terms.

## Warm weather stops winter tourism in its tracks

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Although last week's warm weather was a welcome relief for many Crawford County residents who needed a break from the winter blues, the heat wave only managed to freeze an already hurting tourist industry.

The combination of toasty weather and rain decimated most of the area's snowmobile trails, cross country loops and downhill slopes. Hanson Hills was closed for

President's Day weekend.

Although the typical winter cold resumed by Saturday, a great deal of damage had already been done.

Keith Miles is the owner of Fay's Motel and also works on grooming the county's snowmobile trail system. Not surprisingly, he reported last week that the trails were in rough shape.

"We've still got some base left, but it's a block of ice," Miles said.

He does not recommend attempting to ride the trails unless there is a solid layer of snow over the icy base.

"We have snowmobilers here, but they're riding off trail," Miles said.

According to Grayling Visitor's Bureau director Ilene Geiss-Wilson, the big thaw was bad news for businesses that were hoping for a few more weeks of winter tourist dollars.

"You can never count on the weather," Wilson said.

She added that this will spell the end of the winter sports season if Crawford County doesn't get a lot of new snow quickly.

"The further into March we get, the less people are interested in snowmobiling and skiing," Wilson said.

Miles asserted that any recovery would have to happen before the end of the month.

"Historically, once you get into March, it doesn't matter how much snow we've got on the ground," he said.

Although the week-long heat wave appears to have passed, minor snowfall over the past few days has had a fairly limited impact on trail systems.

Forecasters predict some light snowfall over the next few days, but there are no major snowstorms expected before the end of the week.

The thaw was even more widespread in lower Michigan, which might have some potential tourists convinced that trails and slopes throughout the state are completely ruined.

The turn in weather was a harsh blow to tourism driven businesses who were already experiencing a slow season, despite nearly

three months of good conditions.

"Financially, the early season wasn't that great," Geiss-Wilson said.

Although the snowy weather helped, Wilson said that the slow economy was the overriding factor for tourists this year. Miles said that business at his hotel is down more than 40 percent from this time three years ago.

Miles and Wilson believe that a limited recovery is possible if Crawford County sees major snowfall immediately. People who cancelled President's Day vacation plans on account of poor snow conditions might be willing to reschedule for the end of the month.

"It wouldn't take much snow for them to get back up," Wilson said.

If not, tourism driven businesses will simply have to hold out until the summer rush.

"We groomed more this year than we have any previous years, but mother nature sometimes has a way of taking a wicked turn," Miles said.

## Local charities donate defibrillator

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immediately have the funds to purchase another \$1,675 AED, they moved quickly to secure the essential medical device.

They contacted their affiliated group, the Grayling Lions Club, to help with the purchase. The Lions agreed to help out, but due to other ongoing charity projects, the organizations were still slightly short of funds.

"We have just been buying glasses for people left and right," Lions Club member Bob Prause said.

They decided to apply for a \$500 donation towards the AED from the club's district headquarters. The donation was approved.

Lastly, the Grayling Leo Club got involved. The Leo Club is an affiliate of the Lions Club designed specifically for youth. Within a matter of days, they contributed another \$150 to the project.

"We do car drives and food drives and stuff like that," said Meghan Wyskiel, who is a senior at Grayling High School and a member

of the local Leo Club.

Within a week of learning that the primary school had a need for the device, representatives from all three clubs presented APS Principal Barbara Mick with a brand new AED.

"It does our heart good to just feel safer," Mick said.

Although the purchase was made with a particular student in mind, the device increases the school's overall preparedness for medical emergencies.

"It's going to benefit anybody that walks through this door," Prause said.

Mick agreed that the new AED makes the school a safer place for everyone.

"We have a lot of events that occur here. Our building is just in constant use," she said.

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## Local woman has a lot of heart



So far, Kay Gardiner has proven to be the top seller of pink and red dedication hearts at Charlie's Country Corner during the "Have A Heart" campaign. Funds from the campaign benefit the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. According to her co-workers, she alone has sold over 500 of the more than 800 hearts that adorn the walls of the store. The campaign continues until Feb. 28 at locations throughout Grayling.

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## Demand for Angel Food program has skyrocketed

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

For slightly over a year, volunteers from the Grayling Free Methodist Church have spearheaded a program to provide local families with affordable meals. According to site director Janet Gildner, demand for the program has increased exponentially since its inception.

Angel Food Ministries is a nonprofit organization which aims to provide financial relief through grocery support. The organization was founded in 1994 in Georgia and now has relief centers operating throughout the United States.

Once a month, the organization provides families and individuals with \$60 worth of food for \$30. The menu changes each month and is

somewhat customizable through the purchase of "specialty boxes." One box of food is expected to feed a family of four for at least a week.

Gildner opened the Grayling branch of the ministry about a year ago. In Feb. 2008, the local organization took 33 food orders.

"We're almost up to 200 orders a month," Gildner said.

Although the recession is most likely a factor in the increased demand for the Angel Food program, Gildner believes that increasing awareness of the ministry's presence is the primary cause.

In fact, some local agencies are now referring Crawford County residents to the program.

However, Gildner said she has seen some new people

people taking advantage of the program specifically because of tough times.

"At Christmas time, (the community) went through a little bit of a low there," she said.

Since local volunteers receive all of the food from their parent organization, there is no real risk of running out of supplies with the increased demand. This means there will always be plenty of food available for local individuals and families.

Best of all, Gildner says the selection is always improving.

"It seems to be a lot better every month," she said.

It is not necessary to fill out forms or provide any kind of documentation to apply for this service.

Nobody is disqualified from purchasing food through

Angel Food Ministries.

Although Gildner says that there are plenty of volunteers, there is always room for more help.

"If the high school kids wanted to volunteer, they could do it for graduation credit," she said.

She said there's plenty of fun to be had for those who help out.

"It's just a very enjoyable and exciting thing to do ... and it's never the same," Gildner said.

For more information on volunteering or ordering food, call 989-390-3397 or visit [www.gfmcangelfood.com](http://www.gfmcangelfood.com).

"I look forward to it. I've enjoyed it ... I usually carry menus in my purse," Gildner said.

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## City sets zoning public hearing

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council will receive final input on a proposed zoning ordinance next Monday.

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, to answer any questions and take input on the city's new zoning ordinance.

The City of Grayling's last zoning ordinance was updated in May 2001.

The new zoning ordinance expands the city's zoning districts from six to 12 classifications.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that a central business district was created to cover downtown

businesses, to preserve the character of the district and to avoid overburdening property owners with regulations that apply to other commercial businesses outside the downtown area.

City officials have also changed a multiple-family housing district in the central part of the community to a single-housing district in an attempt to improve the housing stock in Grayling.

Finally, a medical offices designation was created for property located on Michigan Avenue and North Down River Road, to create more opportunities for new medical and dental services.

Thayer said the city hopes to be a one-stop shop for medical services

in association with Mercy Hospital Grayling, where a patient can schedule multiple appointments in one day.

"The best jobs we are going to get is in the medical community," Thayer said.

Thayer said the zoning ordinance is clear, concise and user friendly for homeowners and contractors.

"It eliminates any of the guessing games," Thayer said.

The zoning ordinance will go into effect 10 days after the public hearing if approved by the city council.

"The key thing is having the zoning in place before the building season starts," Thayer said.

## Man killed in single car crash

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A 49-year-old Grayling man lost his life in a one-car accident on Friday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said deputies were informed of the single vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of M-18 and F-97 in South Branch Township around 8:04 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered that a 2008 Dodge Nitro had missed the corner, rolled over and landed in the ditch.

The driver, Mark Douglas Stevenson of Grayling, was alone in the vehicle. Stevenson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Stevenson was a part-time Grayling resident who commuted to his workplace in Davisburg.

Alcohol is not believed to

be a factor in the accident. Stevenson was not wearing a seat belt, Wakefield said.

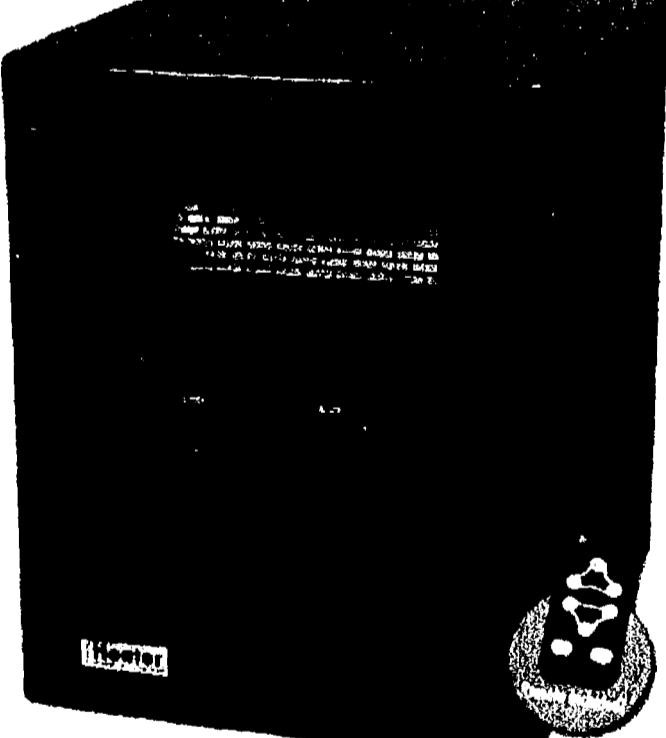
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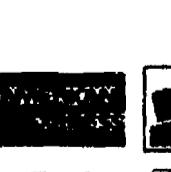
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### Online Poll Results

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What gift will you give for Valentine's Day?			
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This week's online poll question: For its building renovation project, the county board should...

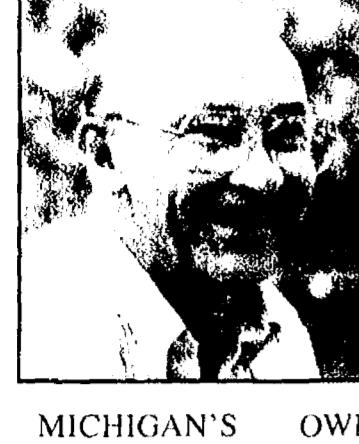
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# Issues and Opinions

## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Rep. John D. Dingell earns longevity honors



MICHIGAN'S OWN U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell has been amassing honors and praises from many quarters in recent days, and he deserves them all.

The United States Congress even took a break from whatever business it was conducting to honor the Michigan lawmaker.

Mr. Dingell has earned the break. He has been a member of the United States House of Representatives longer than anyone else in the history of the country.

Mr. Dingell won a special election over 50 years ago to succeed his father, U.S. Rep. John T. Dingell, who died in office.

The younger John Dingell was sworn into office on Dec. 13, 1955, and has been there ever since.

That adds up to more than 53 years, and more than 19,000 days, and that's a

longevity record in the US House which probably will never be equaled.

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LIVING LONG is one thing, but as a member of Congress, Mr. Dingell has been extremely active all those years, and very effective, too.

For many of those 53 years, he has been either chair or ranking minority member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in that role his fingerprints are all over existing laws on health care, the auto industry, and, well, almost everything else affecting energy and commerce in this country.

This year, in an unusual in-house challenge to the accepted rule of seniority, he lost a battle to retain chairmanship of that committee, losing in a power struggle to Rep. Henry Waxman of

California. As a consolation, Mr. Dingell was made Chairman Emeritus of the committee, whatever that may mean.

John D. Dingell has had a relatively easy time being elected every two years, just as his predecessor father did. Each had a few close calls, however.

The younger John Dingell survived a spirited race in 2002 when a Republican orchestrated reapportionment of congressional seats combined large elements of two districts held by Democratic incumbents, John Dingell of Dearborn and Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor, into the same district.

Partisan reapportioners do things like that.

In the end, Mr. Dingell won, but it was a tough, spirited contest.

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EVEN MORE amazing

than the 53 year record of Rep. John D. Dingell is the total impact on congressional history delivered by the Dingell family.

The current congressman's father, John T. Dingell, was first elected to Congress in 1932, the same year Franklin D. Roosevelt was first elected to the White House.

John T. Dingell was a fresh face at that time, as a New Deal Democrat, partly riding on FDR's coattails, which happened in many congressional districts around the country as Democrats took complete charge in Washington.

Rep. John T. Dingell became a fixture in Congress until his death 23 years later.

This family history means that together, John Dingell, father and son, have represented that Michigan district

in the United States congress continuously for more than 75 years, or about one-third of the life of this nation.

The younger Mr. Dingell was born in 1926, and was 29 when first elected. At that age, his experience was quite limited: brief hitch in the Army, undergraduate degree from Georgetown at 23, law degree also from Georgetown at 26, two years on the Wayne County prosecutor's staff, and then winner of a special election to succeed his father.

Obviously he has learned on the job, and learned well.

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AT THE OFFICIAL observance of his longevity record in the House, Mr. Dingell offered these comments to his colleagues:

"I tell you, with the confidence of one who has lived much of our history, who

has been through the Great Depression and more recessions than I can recall, as one who remembers Pearl Harbor and 9/11, I tell you I have unbroken confidence in the future of this country."

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# Briefs

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The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Grayling Mercy Hospital, 1100 Michigan Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and is sponsored by the Grayling Mercy Hospital. For more information, contact Diane Hagle at 989-348-0352.

## COA to take bus trip to Kirtland

The COA will be taking a bus trip on Feb. 25 to the Kirtland Community College School of Cosmetology for a morning of beauty treatments. The bus will leave the senior center, 308 Lawndale St., at 8:45 a.m. Special group rates will be offered on haircuts, manicures and other select services. The price for the trip is \$10, which includes transportation and beauty treatments. Transportation will be provided by The Resurrection Life Church. For more information or to register, call Debra Looney at 348-7123.

## Church to hold annual Shrove supper

St. Francis Episcopal Church, will hold their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A free will donation will be collected at the door as an outreach offering to local groups working with the physically or emotionally challenged. The church is located next to the Grayling Township Offices at 6441 M-72 West.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Swampers recruiting new vintage baseball players

The Hartwick Pines

Swampers – a vintage baseball team that plays and

interprets baseball as it was played in the mid-1800s is recruiting new players for the 2009 vintage baseball season. On Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., there will be an informational meeting at Hartwick Pines for anyone interested in coming out to play this year. Find out about the 1860 rules that the Swampers play by, see the equipment and uniforms used and have any questions that you may have get answered by club manager Rob "Iceblock" Burg and some of the other veteran Swampers.

Baseball has been

America's "National Pastime" for more than 150

years and that includes the

Grayling area. The

"Swampers" have been

playing at Hartwick Pines

for four years representing a

local team made up of area

loggers. Local baseball

games between teams from

Grayling, Frederic, Otsego

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mented in the pages of the

Crawford Avalanche in the

late 1800s. It was a popular

activity at community pic-

nics, holiday celebrations

and other events.

The Swampers will be playing teams from Petoskey, Northville, Ludington and the Irish Hills in 2009. There will also be exhibition matches where the public can try playing ball by the 1860 rules.

This was a time when

there were no gloves, no

spitting, no sliding, catching

the ball on one bounce and

all-round gentlemanly play.

Anyone who is interested

in playing or cheering on

the Swampers is welcome to

come out on Feb. 26 to the

meeting at the Michigan

Forest Visitor Center at

Hartwick Pines State Park.

Free refreshments will be

served. For more information on the Swampers, please visit the new Web

site at [www.michigan.gov/swampersbaseball](http://www.michigan.gov/swampersbaseball) or call Rob Burg at 989-348-2537 or email [burg@Michigan.gov](mailto:burg@Michigan.gov).

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Shovel your front door step and make sure your doorbell is working because Girl Scouts are ready to pay you a visit.

The Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Cookie Program begins on Monday, Feb. 23 and runs through May 10.

This will mark the first time that the newly-merged council will embark on a 30 county cookie program. In August 2008, four councils in Northwestern Michigan formed one organization, as part of the national realignment designed by Girl Scouts of the USA.

Girl Scout Cookies are a special treat that only comes once each year and provides funds crucial to providing leadership and development programs for girls in kindergarten through high school seniors. The Girl Scout cookie program helps young women learn and practice life skills, such as planning, goal setting, decision making and customer relations. The proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookies will remain in the communities where cookies are sold, with revenue divided between the girls, troops and the council.

As always, there are delicious varieties to choose from: Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Sugar-free Chocolate Chips, Lemon Chalet Crème and new Dulce de Leche.

Dulce de Leche – literally means "candy of milk" – a yummy kind of caramel. Inspired by the classic confections of Latin America, these brand new cookies are rich with milk caramel chips and stripes.

With the peanut butter scare nationwide, cookie customers will be relieved to know that neither of the two licensed bakers affiliated with Girl Scout cookies source their peanut butter from the supplier involved in the current warnings.

All Girl Scout cookie varieties are baked using

recipes that meet the standard of "zero grams of trans fat per serving" with the same great taste.

Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore encourages girls and the public to make informed decisions about the food items they consume. As with any dessert, Girl Scout cookies are not marketed as a dietary staple, but as a special treat that should be enjoyed in moderation. Since these treats are only available for a short time each year, we encourage you to stock up as they freeze great and can be saved and savored throughout the year.

Another concern for our country is the dramatic increase in commodity costs. Escalating oil and grain costs have significantly affected our daily lives and our Girl Scout cookie sale. In response to this economic challenge, Girl Scouts of the USA agreed to a weight reduction in the three main flavors produced by both cookie bakers. Effective for the 2009 cookie program, the Girl Scouts of the USA approved a one-ounce reduction in the weight of Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, and Trefoils and a .5 ounce reduction in Tagalongs and Samoas.

"We are hoping that despite the economic challenges our country is facing, people will still support Girl Scouting through our Girl Scout Cookie Program," said Karen Micklatchar, the CEO for the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. "Girl Scout cookies are much more than a product, they are a program that prepares young girls to become successful business women. For only \$3.50 per box, no other treat can make such a difference."

To order Girl Scout cookies, contact Grayling area Girl Scout troops, contact 1-866-566-7434 or check out the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore web site at [www.gsmists.org](http://www.gsmists.org).

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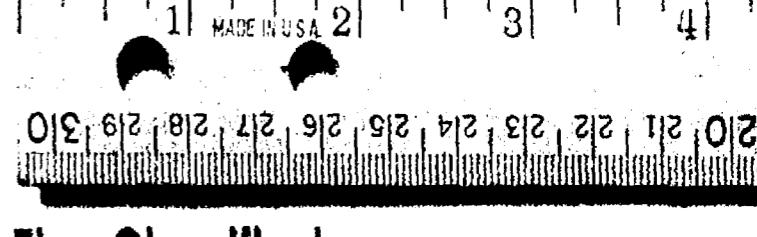
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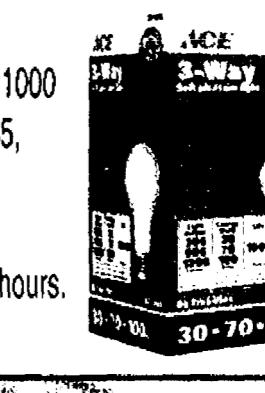
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Registration is still open

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# Issues and Opinions

## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Rep. John D. Dingell earns longevity honors



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The United States Congress even took a break from whatever business it was conducting to honor the Michigan lawmaker.

Mr. Dingell has earned the break. He has been a member of the United States House of Representatives longer than anyone else in the history of the country.

Mr. Dingell won a special election over 50 years ago to succeed his father, U.S. Rep. John T. Dingell, who died in office.

The younger John Dingell was sworn into office on Dec. 13, 1955, and has been there ever since.

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LIVING LONG is one thing, but as a member of Congress, Mr. Dingell has been extremely active all those years, and very effective, too.

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John D. Dingell has had a relatively easy time being elected every two years, just as his predecessor father did. Each had a few close calls, however.

The younger John Dingell survived a spirited race in 2002 when a Republican orchestrated reapportionment of congressional seats combined large elements of two districts held by Democratic incumbents, John Dingell of Dearborn and Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor, into the same district. Partisan reapportioners do things like that.

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were taught the same: If you're walking/riding a bike/jogging, and you see a strange dog you don't know, what should you do? Should you show fear? NO! That's the first thing I ever learned about dogs. If you show fear, they will see it, and they aren't human. They sense fear and get scared themselves. Even the most domestic and well-trained dog could become defensive in this situation."

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Woody wrote on Feb. 14 (regarding road issues): "Why do the secondary roads get no maintenance? The citizens who pay taxes live on these roads and you would think the lawmakers would want to make the people happy. These citizens elected them into these jobs."

Derek wrote on Feb. 15 (regarding theme park): "An aircraft carrier in the middle of a forest, plastic palm trees, Christmas in July (when most people are glad it's over on Dec. 26), these 'themes' are the only thing that can save Grayling? Not to be forgotten that theme parks are closing in the south, where it doesn't snow in April or May, makes it hard to believe it would have stayed open even if they built it. Plus, downstaters are closer to Cedar Point, which is a very fun park, unlike that aircraft carrier or Santa Claus in July."

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Sara wrote on Feb. 17 (regarding theme park): "Do people think that this park would have brought jobs to Grayling? Well, they think wrong! The theme park people would (have) brought in their own professionals. Sure, we would have got some more part-time, minimum wage jobs. But the big, good jobs, would have gone to people transferred in! Thank God this didn't go through! And I'm here from Grayling, not downstate! We want the town to come to life again, then let's stop spending millions of dollars on 'beautification' projects! Wow, that really did the town some good... look at the line of tourists coming to see our great sidewalks and street lamps! How about lowering the taxes downtown so some business could actually stay in business? Maybe if the taxes got lowered, the prices in the downtown stores could get lowered and then more people could afford to shop in Grayling. Maybe we could get some business in all those empty buildings downtown? No, I have a better idea, let's plant some more trees downtown and hang up some more lights and then I just know people will come to Grayling!"

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# The Bible Speaks

## God's Love and the Sword

In Romans 8:35 we were reminded God still loves us even when we are slain by the sword. "35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Believers in all ages throughout Judeo-Christian civilization have been martyred for their faith. Romans 8:36 confirms this truth: "36As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." This is a quote of Psalm 44:22 in the Old Testament: "22Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter."

In Matthew 24:3 His disciples asked Jesus privately: "...Tell us...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Deception was the first sign Jesus gave, the second was increased warfare upon earth: "6And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matthew

24:6-8). Unbelievers still dream and preach of bringing in global disarmament, peace and prosperity, but these are all contrary to the prophetic words of Jesus Christ.

Second, not only will there be increased hatred and wars among nations until Jesus Christ returns, but their one central motivation will be hatred for God's people and an attempt to destroy them. As Jesus said in Matthew 10:22: "22And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake...." Jesus said in John 16:2: "...Yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." Jesus said in John 7:7: "7The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." Jesus said in John 15:24,25: "24If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause." As Romans 8:36 and Psalm 44:22 both teach: "...For thy sake we are killed all the day long..."

Third, "...we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." God's saints have always been

despised, dishonored, diminished, dejected, and destroyed in every way possible by Satan, his Demons and his unbelieving minions of this world system. Jesus ordered His disciples to possess the greatest defensive weapon of His day in Luke 22:36: "he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." Every believer has an unalienable right and responsibility to defend his life, liberty and property and that of his family. "8But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (1 Tim. 5:8). Nehemiah 4:17,18 reminds us of how the Jews rebuilt their city wall after their Babylonian captivity: "17They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. 18For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me." Our 2nd amendment to our U.S. Constitution is Biblical. Pastor "B"

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October

2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church  
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargos  
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974  
www.mnmumc.org Barrier Free

Traditional Service ..... 9 am

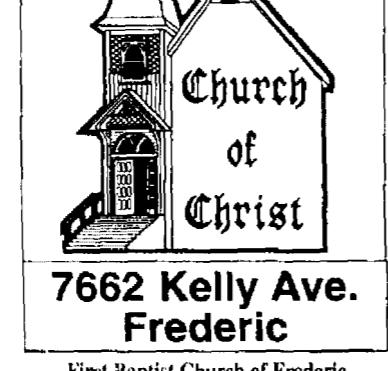
Coffee Hour ..... 10 am

Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) ..... 11 am

Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am

Praise & Worship Service ..... 11 am

(Childcare Available)



First Baptist Church of Frederic  
Pastor: Dale Hammond

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

Seventh Day Adventist  
Pastor: David Jorgensen  
(989) 348-1909

Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am

Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel  
(Bible based and non-denominational)

Pastor: Larry Hankins  
813 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells  
(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Web Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist  
Pastor: Rick Second  
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service ..... 8:30 am

Sunday Service ..... 10 am

Morning Service ..... 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ  
3474 West Park Road, Luerne

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist  
Pastor: Eric Wagner - (989) 348-1411  
ericwag@baptist-grayling.org

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God  
Pastor: Gary Wojdak  
701 S. 1-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage (989) 348-7466

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Family Night Adult Youth Children (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

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## Obituaries



Martha C. Walrath

Martha "Marty" Clara Walrath, 84, of Grayling, passed away suddenly on February 11, 2009.



Heather L. Stevens

Heather Louise Stevens, 27, formerly of Grayling, went to be with her Lord Jesus on February 11, 2009.

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 20 - Lunch - original fried chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and an orange. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Feb. 23 - Lunch - pork chop, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus and applesauce. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, pears and Prince Charles vegetable blend. 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Lunch - shepherd's pie, cauliflower and grapefruit.

Dinner - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, carrots and fruit cocktail. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Lunch - deluxe hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and apricots. Dinner - baked ham, glazed sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, pineapple and brownies. 10 a.m. line dancing, Bussin' Beauties Trip, 1 p.m. pool league and COA Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Feb. 26 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken over noodles, carrots, winter blend vegetables and pears. Dinner - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli cuts and grapes. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 74 complaints the week of Feb. 9 - Feb. 15.

She enjoyed having her own place, filling it with crafty things, pictures of family, nature and mementos of her trips and adventures.

She loved her family, her country and nature. Her favorite things were Mickey Mouse, Disneyland, the ocean, Alan Jackson music, going to the casino and Walmart.

She spent her time doing craft projects, especially making bead necklaces and bracelets. Many of her bead projects went to church mission projects.

She has a smile for everyone and usually had a story or tale to tell. She loved life and was happy with every day.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry (Bill) Haag of Grayling; sons, Michael (Pam) Keen of Tampa, Fla., John (Debbie) Walrath of Springfield, Ore.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held on February 28, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the Crawford County Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

One suicide, 20 general non-criminal complaints, five false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, one telephone used for harassment, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one larceny-from yards, two damage to properties, one family offense/other, four public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safeties, two miscellaneous arrests, 14 traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one hazardous condition, three family troubles-domestic, nine suspicious situations, one driving violations/driving while license suspended and two driving on revoked/suspended license.

Delaney came home to her parents on Dec. 25, 2008.

Delaney's grandparents are Brian and Kim Pratt of Grayling and the late Edwin and Dorothy Harris of Grayling and Petoskey.

Jamie and Marty Harris announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney Brooke, born at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids on November 9, 2008, at 9:37 a.m., weighing 2 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 14 1/4 inches in length.

Bobbie Porter and Mark Cassell, announce the birth of a daughter, Alexis Serenity, born at Mercy Hospital on February 5, 2009, at 4:13 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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**GMS names students of the month**

The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are: (from left to right, back row) Alex Bartha, Brady Bendig, Sam Cousins, Danielle Dami, Shanley Dorn, Danielle Dwyer, Sarah Goodyear, Mathew Griffin; (middle row) Brandon Hassett, Johnathan Hause, Marilyn Jankowski, Dallas Johnson, Levi Korneli, Jessica Lohr, Darian Mateos, Brittany Naumiec; (front row) Elyria Petrie, John Petrie, Cyle Pratt, Chelsea Randall, Breanna Smith, Elle Smith, Jacob Thomas, Ghauge Toomey.

**Students flip for reading due to digital cameras**

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"When they read, they're so involved in the process of reading that they can't evaluate themselves," Barth said. "When they are recorded, they can see what the teacher sees."

Ausable Primary School teachers received a grant from the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning to purchase the first dozen Flip Video camcorders for use with first and second grade students. Flip Video camcorders were also purchased for kindergarten classes and teaching specialists with the school district's Title One federal funds, which are earmarked to be used to fund core subject areas which include mathematics, language arts, social studies and science.

The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning was established in 1974 and is part of the International Society for Technology in Education. The mission of the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning is to promote the use of technology to improve student achievement and allow school districts to achieve their curriculum goals.

Videos taken at the start of the school year show that students are raising their reading levels and are improving on the number of words read per minute when compared to videos recently made.

Digital videos will be made of each student to go along with their regular portfolios that go with them from grade to grade.

"For the students, it individualizes it and authenticates it because it's them," Hetfield said. "It allows them to take responsibility for their reading."

Kindergarten teacher Denise Edwards used the camera to make a video called "Being Kind," which showed students how to use proper manners and actions while in a group setting. The video debuted at the Ausable Primary School's recent Academic Extravaganza.

Kindergarten teacher Nicole Huspen has had the students read to each other in pairs to judge if they can stay on task and if the listener is properly paying attention.

"It's a mini-lesson where they can play the video back and evaluate themselves," Huspen said. "I love the idea that students want to be videoed and can't wait to see the video."

Teachers also used the videos at parent-teacher conferences. Barth uses the camcorder to record the phonics lessons her students are studying in class instead of sending home handouts or homework lessons.

"The video kind of bridges the gap and they can see what their children are learning in their lessons," Barth said.

Second grader Megan Benson, who was recorded reading for the second time last week, said use of the Flip Video camcorders is just plain cool.

"It's pretty cool being recorded and being able to see yourself reading," Benson said.

The cameras are giving teachers another avenue to bring technology into the

classroom and to work one-on-one with the students.

"We're not claiming that it all has to do with the cameras, because we do have a lot of great teaching going on in the building," Barth said.

Crawford Ausable School Superintendent Joe Powers said he is pleased teachers have been achieving success boosting reading skills with the video cameras, and looks forward to expanding ways the cameras can be used in other subject areas.

"Our teachers are very creative in developing ways to help students improve," Powers said.

Barbara Mick, the principal of the Ausable Primary School, said she is impressed with the immediate feedback students are getting in the classroom.

"You can capture so much in a short amount of time to show the kids," Mick said.

Ric Wiltse, executive director of the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, said use of the Flip Video camcorders is gaining popularity all over the state.

"It's very easy to display student work through use of the Flip cameras," Wiltse said.

Wiltse said he attended a consumer electronics show in Las Vegas last month and viewed the newest version of the Flip Video camcorders. He said the clarity and quality of images the cameras can capture has improved.

"The fact they are bringing out an enhanced model is a good indication that this is something that is not going to be a fad," Wiltse said.

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**Do fluoride applications work?** The fluoride treatments that your dentist places on your teeth (topically) are effective for about 4 months; they should be reapplied on a regular basis.

**At what age should fluoride be used?** As fluoride does not pass through the placenta, prenatal fluoride is not effective. Treatments are most effective when started around age 4-6. Once you know the levels in your water, dosages can be determined. Fluoride supplements before age three can cause fluorosis - a condition characterized by brown stains on the teeth. Careful homecare with a fluoridated toothpaste and the avoidance of a highly sweetened diet can be the best treatment for baby teeth.

**This sounds complicated; what is the best simple strategy?** Develop a relationship with a good family dentist; work out a plan with that dentist or the practice hygienist, including proper dosages. Maintain a regular schedule with that office.

To go straight to the article referenced: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/1897833/>

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# New Special Olympics bowling league completes first season

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Sometimes, bowling can be a lot more than just pins and lanes. For a dedicated group of Special Olympics athletes who completed a season of bowling at the American Legion last month, it was a way of bringing people together.

The league was formed in Oct. by Valerie Brown and her brother-in-law, Mike Brown. The two served as coaches for the program.

"We were trying to target special Olympians who were out of the system," Valerie said.

The coaches observed that mentally challenged individuals sometimes miss out on Special Olympics programs once they graduate from COOR or other educational organizations.

"We were trying to reintroduce them to it," Valerie said.

The Browns are both involved in a local volleyball program for the Special Olympics as well. Six athletes participated in the new bowling league.

The American Legion supported the league by letting them bowl at a reduced rate.

"The athletes were genuinely receptive and nice and had a good time," Valerie said.

As with all Special Olympic programs, the fun served a purpose.



This season's local Special Olympics bowling league member included (back row, from left to right) Coach Mike Brown, Kris Brown, Coach Valerie Brown, Hilary Monica, Jerry Harris and Chris Wiley. Danielle Stephan is in front.

"It helps them to socialize and be independent ... it gives them a lot of skills other than just bowling," Valerie said.

Her brother-in-law agrees.

"To get them out ... and get them exercising, I think it helps their quality of life," Mike said.

Many of the athletes proved to be formidable players. One bowled a 250 game.

"They are very much like everyone else and they want to compete," Valerie said.

Next season, the coaches expect up to eight new participants in addition to the veterans from this year.

They also hope to send league participants to the 2010 Michigan Summer Special Olympics.

"That will be really dependent on how much money we can get," Valerie said.

Mike said that if this season is any indication, the Grayling Special Olympians will fit in quite well with the other athletes at the statewide event.

"They did improve," he said.

Meanwhile, both coaches are happy to have been involved this season.

"We had a good time ... we did a lot of laughing," Valerie said.

"I think most times I get more out of it than the athletes do," Mike said. "You get a whole different perspective on life."

## 46th Circuit Trial Court

### Sentencings for January 2009

#### Hon. Janet M. Allen

Daniel Raymond Stafford, age 19 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on Jan. 5, 2009, to police officer-fleeing-third degree and for probation violation; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve seven days in jail; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$250 penal fine and \$204 late fee assessment.

Stephan Robert Schultes, age 54 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 5, 2008, to sex offender-failure to comply with reporting; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 60 days in jail; ordered to pay \$150 attorney fee, \$325 circuit

court costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$45 state minimum costs and \$100 penal fine.

Keith Edward Gerald Revord; age 19 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to home invasion-first degree; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 30 months to 20 years in prison with credit for 83 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Roger Shane Dagenhart, age 35 of Standish - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to prisoner-possession of contraband; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve one year and four months to five years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

David Allen Runge, age 21 of Vanderbilt - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to police assault causing injury; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 365 days in jail; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$3,491.16 restitution.

Rose Marie Crowe, age 37 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2008, to financial transaction device-retain without consent; sentenced on Jan. 5, 2009, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime

victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$477.02 restitution; placed on probation for 18 months.

Dr. Burkley was raised in this community of Grayling. He was born at Mercy Hospital Grayling and also attended and graduated from Grayling High School. Dr. Burkley attended Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor's in Biology and graduated with honors. He then earned his medical degree at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, Des Moines, Iowa in 1998. Dr. Burkley completed his Internship at Mount Clemens General Hospital. His residency was completed at the Bay Medical Center in Bay City, Michigan. Dr. Burkley also became board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice in 2002. Dr. Burkley came to Grayling Family Practice in 2001 and has been successfully building his practice since that time. He has a special interest in diabetes management. Dr. Burkley currently resides in Grayling where he enjoys fishing, bird hunting, winter sports and spending time with his family.

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## Woman injured when car struck by semi

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A Grayling woman was injured Friday when she was trying to make a left turn onto the I-75 Business Loop and her car was struck by a semi.

The accident occurred around 4:55 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 when a 48-year-old Grayling woman was at the corner of the State Street and I-75 Business Loop. The woman's four grandchildren, ages 2, 3, 6 and 7,

were also in the 1995 Buick.

Grayling City Police Chief Doug Baum said the driver reportedly became distracted by something going on in the backseat of the vehicle and inadvertently pulled into the path of a 2005 Peterbilt semi traveling northbound on the I-75 Business Loop.

The semi, driven by a 45-year-old East Jordan man, had just come through the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East intersection on a green light. The driver had little

time to react and collided with the driver's side of the car.

The driver and four children were transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling by Michigan Mobile Medical Response ambulances. The identity of the driver and children was not released by police as of the *Crawford County Avalanche's* press time, and the extent of their injuries was unknown.

The driver of the semi was not injured.

Northbound I-75

Business Loop traffic was detoured onto State Street and one southbound lane was maintained while emergency responders attended to accident victims, cleaned up debris and moved the semi and car.

Grayling City Police officers were assisted by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, the Grayling Fire Department, Mobile Medical Response, Milltown Towing and a number of area residents at the scene.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

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## Honors

### Kirtland Community College

More than 50 students, attending Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon and the Michigan Technical

Education Center (M-TEC) at Kirtland in Gaylord, were recently awarded certificates of completion or associate degrees at the end of the 2008 fall semester.

Those who were con-

firmed academic degrees and/or certificates include: Joseph Carr of Frederic, Associate in Arts; students from Grayling were William Armstrong, Certificate of Completion: Correctional Officer, Rhonda Fettner, Associate in Applied Science: Cardiac Sonography, Dori Keene, Certificate of Completion: Medical Billing and Coding, Jill Koroleski, Associate in Applied Science: Criminal Justice Pre-Service, Heather Pratt, Certificate of Completion: Medical Clerk, Sarah Ritchie, Certificate of Completion: Cosmetology, Erika Seifert, Associate in Applied Science: Criminal Justice Pre-Service and Jason Sharpe, Associate in Applied Science: Technology Management.

## Library News

"Guitar Wars!" is coming to the Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. Call Connie Meyer, at 348-4067, to sign up for this teen and tween program (ages 12-18) featuring a Guitar Hero competition.

The Crawford County

Library Literary (C.C.L.L.) Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 5 p.m. Join us for this month's selection, "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield. For more information, contact Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

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1. Understand your own oral-health needs. Everyone's mouth is different. Talk to your dentist or dental hygienist about special conditions in your mouth and how your general health affects it.

2. Commit to a daily oral-health routine. Based on discussions with your dentist or dental hygienist, devise an effective oral-health routine that's easy to follow and specific to your situation.

3. Use fluoride. Everyone can benefit from flu-

oride mouth rinses or toothpastes. Fluoride strengthens developing teeth and helps prevent decay in children and adults. Toothpastes and mouthwashes are good sources of fluoride.

4. Brush and floss to remove plaque. Everyone should brush and floss at least once a day (preferably twice or after every meal) to help remove plaque, the bacteria that constantly forms on your teeth. If plaque isn't removed every day, it can combine with sugars to form acids that lead to tooth decay, gingivitis and other periodontal diseases.

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6. Use water-irrigation devices. These appliances spray a high-pressure water stream to dislodge food particles from teeth and gums. They benefit people with braces or other types of orthodontics who need extra help in removing food from between their teeth.

7. Examine your mouth regularly. Even if you visit your dentist regularly, you are in the best position to notice changes in your mouth. Your dentist sees you only a few times a year, but you can examine your mouth weekly for changes such as swollen gums, chipped teeth, discolored teeth or sores or lesions on your gums, cheeks or tongue.

8. Visit the dental office regularly. You and your dentist should talk about the frequency of your visits. Some people need to visit their dentist more frequently than others.

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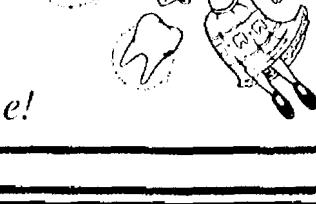
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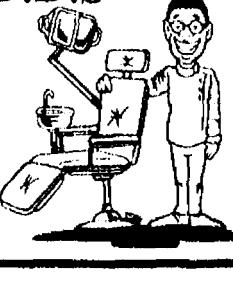
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Thursday,  
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## Grayling edges Red Devils 48-45 at East Jordan

Basketball team plays three road games, wins one

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team defeated the East Jordan Red Devils but lost at Roscommon and Harbor Springs last week.

On Wednesday, the Vikings won 48-45 at East Jordan.

Grayling trailed by one, 12-11, going into the second quarter. The Vikings had a 25-21 advantage at halftime. Both teams scored 10 points in the third period. Grayling held on for a three-point win.

"This game was a grind at both ends of the court. We made enough stops defensively to win the game. Colin Hamlin hit some clutch free throws down the stretch," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Hamlin, 11 points, 6 assists, 3 steals; Spencer Dean, 9 points, 9 rebounds; Tyler Steffey, 6 points, 4 rebounds; Alex Gabriel, 6 points, 8 rebounds;

Trent Larm, 5 points, 5 steals; Steven Enos, 5 points.

On Monday night, the Vikings lost 61-53 at Roscommon.

Grayling led 13-9 after one quarter. The Vikings had a 26-25 edge at halftime and a 40-38 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Roscommon opened the fourth quarter with a 6-0 run. Larm stole the ball and scored a fast break lay-up to pull

Grayling within two.

A 10-2 run by the Bucks gave Roscommon a 54-44 lead with 2:48 left in regulation.

Two free throws by Eric Ferrigan cut Roscommon's lead to eight. An inside shot by Steffey at the 1:51 mark pulled Grayling within seven. Hamlin hit a three-pointer at the 1:13 mark to bring Grayling within four, 55-51.

The Vikings fouled and See GRAYLING | 2B



Trent Larm, left, takes a jump shot for Grayling on Monday night at Roscommon. Doug Gothro, right, handles the ball for the Vikings on Monday.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Ashley Feldhauser shoots the ball for Grayling on Tuesday.

## Fourth quarter surge leads EJ past Grayling

Red Devils outscore Vikings 12-2 down the stretch

Grayling trailed by only two points going into the fourth quarter of last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball contest at East Jordan, but the Red Devils outscored the Vikings 24-12 in the final eight minutes to win by 14 points, 61-47.

Grayling trailed by three, 17-14, after one quarter. At halftime, the Red Devils led 31-26. East Jordan took a 37-35 advantage into the fourth quarter.

A jump shot by East Jordan gave the Red Devils a four-point lead. Two free throws by Teresa Schreiber cut East Jordan's lead back to two. The Red Devils scored one free throw to lead by three. Two free throws by Schreiber pulled Grayling within one.

In the next three minutes of clock time, East Jordan outscored Grayling 7-0 with See FOURTH QUARTER | 3B



Haley Wiseman dribbles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday.

## JV Vikings lose by two, 31-29, at East Jordan

Red Devils outscore Grayling 4-2 in final 1:40

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball squad overcame a slow first half and had a chance to win last Tuesday's contest at East Jordan, but the Red Devils – in a game that was tied with 1:43 left in regulation – won by two points, 31-29.

Grayling scored only six points in the first half and trailed by eight, 14-6, going into the third period. East Jordan led by four, 19-15, going into the fourth quarter.

See JV VIKINGS | 3B

## JV basketball team holds off late run by Bucks, wins 45-39

Grayling improves to 10-4 with three road wins

The Roscommon Bucks cut Grayling's double-digit fourth quarter lead to as few as three points during last Monday's JV boys basketball game at Roscommon, but the Vikings held on for a 45-39 victory.

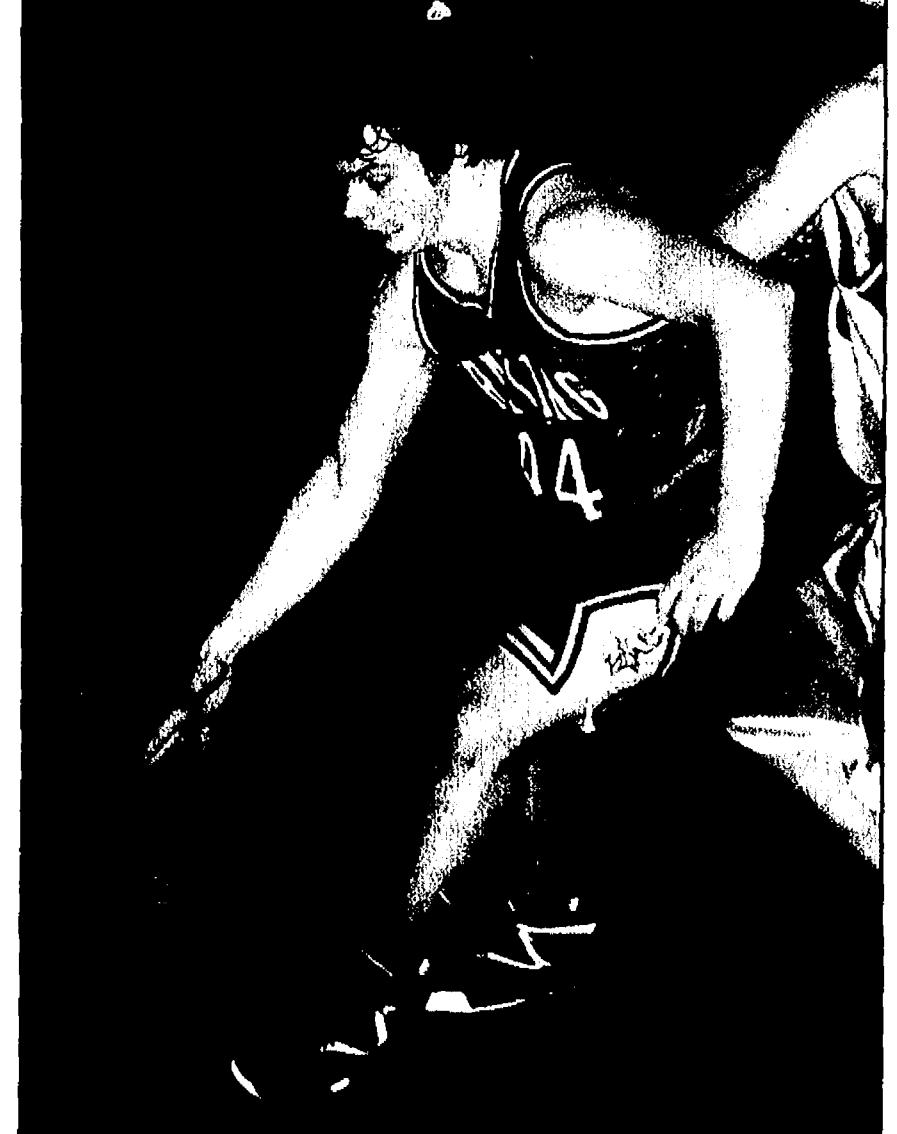
Grayling had a 12-point lead at halftime, 30-18. The Vikings also led by 12 (38-26) going into the fourth period.

With 2:24 left in regulation, Roscommon hit a jump shot to pull within three, 40-37. A

jump shot by Riley Zigila gave Grayling a five-point lead.

The Bucks tried a three-pointer, missed, and grabbed the rebound. Griffin Dean blocked a Roscommon shot attempt and snagged the loose

ball. Roscommon fouled. Grayling missed the resulting free throw. The Vikings came down with the rebound, and Roscommon fouled on the play. Grayling missed the free throw. See JV BASKETBALL | 2B



Jake Helsel, left, controls the ball for the Vikings during last Monday's JV basketball game at Roscommon. Riley Zigila, right, drives to the basket for Grayling on Monday night.

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# Ski teams come up short in bid for state finals

## Hannah Smith qualifies in giant slalom

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams failed to qualify for the state finals after finishing outside of the top three in a tough regional meet last Friday.

"This was by far the toughest I have ever seen this region. I would have to say that both state champions are coming out of this region," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

In the boys competition, Manistee, Harrison, and Traverse City St. Francis earned state finals berths. Manistee, Cadillac, and Traverse City St. Francis finished in the top three in the girls competition.

Individual placements for Grayling included: (boys giant slalom) Matt Hilbrecht, 17.5; Peter Alexander, 23; Brady Coe, 24; Matt Dunckel, 29; Roger Heggie, 36; Mike

Olson, 39; (boys slalom) Alexander, 20; Heggie, 29; Dunckel, 34; Olson, 49; Hilbrecht, DQ; Coe, DQ; (girls GS) Hannah Smith, 7; Ciara Summers, 15; Katie Lange, 17; Peggy Curriston, 25; Emily Wingard, 32; (girls slalom) Lange, 15; Smith, 22; Wingard, 31; Summers, 34; Curriston, 38.

Smith qualified for the state finals in GS with her seventh place finish. Smith, Lange, and Summers were named to the all-regional team.

The boys blew up today. We had talked about what they had to do today to advance to the state finals, and the conditions definitely affected the outcome of the race. Everyone had to race in the conditions, but there were a lot of good racers that disqualified today.

The top teams knew if they stood up today they would move on. Unfortunately, those that were not on one of those teams had to give it everything they had to move on," Coach Gariglio said. "Mike Olson and Matt Hilbrecht both went down in GS and in slalom, after their first run, they sat third and sixth, respectfully. Matt Hilbrecht was disqualified for straddling a gate. Mike straddled a gate on his second run and had to hike."

"Senior Peter Alexander led the team with his solid performances today. He worked very hard this year and will definitely be missed next year. This team will be back next year hitting on all cylinders," Coach Gariglio said.

"The girls skied very well today. Coach Wagner did an excellent job with them

today. In slalom, they had a few mistakes that cost them and senior Hannah Smith was sitting 12th after her first run. The top 10 go to state, so she had to pick it up on her second run and she had checked and had to hike, ending her chance for state in slalom. In GS, the girls stepped it up, putting together their best race all year. They finished third in the GS event, edging out TCSF. All the girls skied two clean runs and three of them were in the top 15. Hannah Smith led them with a seventh place finish, sending her to state. Ciara Summers missed going by eight hundredths of a second. This is a young team and will be interesting to watch the next two years. Hannah Smith has done a great job leading them this year," Coach Gariglio said.

## JV basketball team wins 45-39

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The Vikings drew a foul on a put-back attempt and missed both free throws.

At the 0:50 mark, Jake Helsel hit one of two free throws to give Grayling a 43-37 lead. The Bucks hit a jump shot to pull within four. The Vikings answered with an inside shot by Dean.

Roscommon tried a three-pointer, missed, and Zigila rebounded the ball. The Bucks fouled, and Grayling missed both free throws. Roscommon missed two three-pointers in the final seconds and Grayling won

by six, 45-39.

The Vikings shot 28 percent (5 for 18) from the free-throw line and 36 percent from the floor (20 for 56) in the contest.

"We did not share the ball well. We only had three assists for the game and offensively we did not make some good choices. In the end, it was nice to win the game, but – more importantly I think – we learned a good lesson," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Dean, 10 points, 11 rebounds; Zigila, 10 points; Zane Tobin, 12 points.

On Wednesday night, the Vikings won 46-43 at East Jordan.

The team shot 56 percent (9 for 16) from the free-throw line. The Vikings had 14 steals and 17 turnovers.

"Offensively, we were much better at moving the ball and taking good shots –

we just missed a lot of shots, mostly lay-ups. In a 20-game season you will have games like this, but we still managed to win the game because of our defense. We had three big defensive stops in the last 48 seconds of the game when we were clinging to a two-point lead," Coach Kucharek said.

Grayling's scoring leaders were: Helsel, 14 points, 12 rebounds; Tobin, 15 points; Jensen Aubry, 4 points, 9 rebounds; Ethan Lewis, 6 points.

"Jake Helsel played his best game of the year, picking up the double-double," Coach Kucharek said.

On Friday night, the Vikings won 47-33 at Harbor Springs.

Grayling had 11 steals and 20 turnovers.

"We held Harbor Springs to 18 percent from the field," Coach Kucharek

said. "Offensively, we were clicking early in the game. We had 11 assists for our 18 field goals and were very balanced in our scoring. That's a pretty good number. This was a big win for us because we lost to these guys by 14 early in the season and this was our third road game this week," Coach Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Dean, 10 points, 12 rebounds; Brent Steffey, 4 points, 7 rebounds; Aubrey, 5 points, 8 rebounds; Tobin, 9 points; Helsel, 7 points; Lewis, 4 points.

"Brent Steffey had a huge game for us off the bench," Coach Kucharek said.

Friday night's victory was Grayling's seventh consecutive win. The Vikings (10-4 overall, 6-4 league) will host Elk Rapids on Friday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

## Grayling edges Red Devils

### Continued from 1B

Roscommon hit one of two free throws. A put-back by Steffey cut Roscommon's advantage to three, 56-53, with 44 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Grayling fouled and Roscommon made both free throw attempts. The Vikings shot and missed, and the Bucks came down with the rebound. Grayling fouled. The Bucks hit both free

throws. Roscommon stole the ball and Grayling fouled again. The Bucks hit one of two at the free-throw line.

Roscommon won by eight, 61-53.

Grayling's scoring leaders included: Larm, 13 points, 3 assists; Ferrigan, 13 points; Hamlin, 10 points, 7 steals, 3 assists; Steffey, 8 points, 6 rebounds.

On Friday, the Vikings

lost 72-57 in a league game played at Harbor Springs.

"We struggled to get up and down the court. We had a number of kids sick and it showed throughout this game," Coach Moffit said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Larm (13), Steffey (11), Hamlin (11), Doug Gothro (8).

Grayling (6-8 overall, 4-6 conference) will host Elk Rapids on Friday, Feb. 20.

## Bowling Leagues

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Fred's of Rosco... 41 - 15  
Last Call ..... 33 - 23  
McDonald's..... 30 - 26  
Canadian Steak ... 28 - 28  
American Legion .. 27 - 29  
Double Trouble .. 27 - 29  
L & L Hauling ... 23 - 33  
Miller Spillers.... 15 - 41

High Series Women: M.

Cole, 537; P. Younglove,

513; N. Clark, 493. High

Game Women: K. Moshier,

204; K. Wellman, 202; M.

Cole, 194. High Series

Men: D. Wallace, 673; G.

Mastreni, 645; J. Campbell, 573. High Game

Men: D. Wallace, 263; J.

Campbell, 256; G. Mastreni, 246.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Three Amigos ..... 13 - 7

Misfits ..... 11.5 - 8.5

Pin Slayers ..... 11.5 - 8.5

Bill's Harem ..... 11.5 - 8.5

Rosebuds ..... 11 - 9

Snow Tops ..... 9.5 - 10.5

Ladybugs ..... 8 - 12

Casino Bums ..... 4 - 16

High Series Women: H.

Stairs, 511; P. Kennedy,

478; R. Brown, 423. High

Game Women: H. Stairs,

178; P. Kennedy, 165; R.

Brown, 160. High Series

Men: D. Williamson, 528;

B. Holton, 522; B. Hollis,

519. High Game Men: B.

Hollis, 212; P. Faustman,

192; D. Williamson, 189.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Team Shocker ..... 38 - 11

Salon Rue ..... 32 - 17

Hard Balls ..... 29 - 20

Spikes #2 ..... 26 - 23

Spikes #1 ..... 23 - 26

Growlers ..... 22 - 27

AJD ..... 16 - 33

GrayRock Cafe ..... 10 - 39

High Series Men: J. Thayer,

589; M. Forbes, 579; T.

Sheldon, 561. High Game

Men: T. Sheldon, 211; J.

Thayer, 209; P. Faustman,

207. High Series Women:

S. Mead, 479; C. Sheldon

459; A. Ray, 422. High

Game Women: S. Mead,

174; L. Mead, 167; H.

Lippard, 159.

Senior League

Spikes ..... 21 - 7

Dana Transport ..... 18 - 10

Gaylord Electric ..... 17 - 11

Bear's Den Pizza ..... 16 - 12

Flowers By Josie ..... 13 - 15

Sylvester's Sports ..... 10 - 18

Kicking Grass ..... 10 - 18

Lone Pine ..... 7 - 21

High Series Women: C.

Clark, 495; H. Stairs, 492;

Doremire, 426. High

Game Women: H. Stairs,

211, C. Clark, 182 and 176.

High Series Men: D.

Williamson, 648; P.

Faustman, 601; J.

# Fourth quarter surge leads EJ past Grayling, 61-47

Continued from 1B

two inside shots and one three-pointer.

A three-point play by Mackenzie Harwood at the 2:51 mark cut East Jordan's lead to five, 47-42. The Red Devils scored an inside shot to lead by seven. A three-pointer by Sam Schreiber at the 2:30 mark pulled Grayling within four, 49-45.

In the final 2:29, East Jordan outscored Grayling 12-2 to win by 14 points.

"This was our best team effort of the season," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "Six players scored. We made 47 points, which is enough to pull off a victory. We just need to play consistent defense for four quarters."

"We brought up sophomore Kirstie Wakeley from the JV team this week. She brings another offensive threat to our team," Coach Sheehan said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: T. Schreiber, 16 points, 6 steals, 6 assists, 4 rebounds; Ashley Feldhauser, 12 points, 8 rebounds; S. Schreiber, 6 points, 3 assists, 4 rebounds; Laura Boylan, 6 points, 6 rebounds, 8 blocks, 2 assists; Harwood, 5 points.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost by 11 points, 53-42, at Elk Rapids.

Grayling (3-14 overall, 2-9 league) will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Feb. 19.

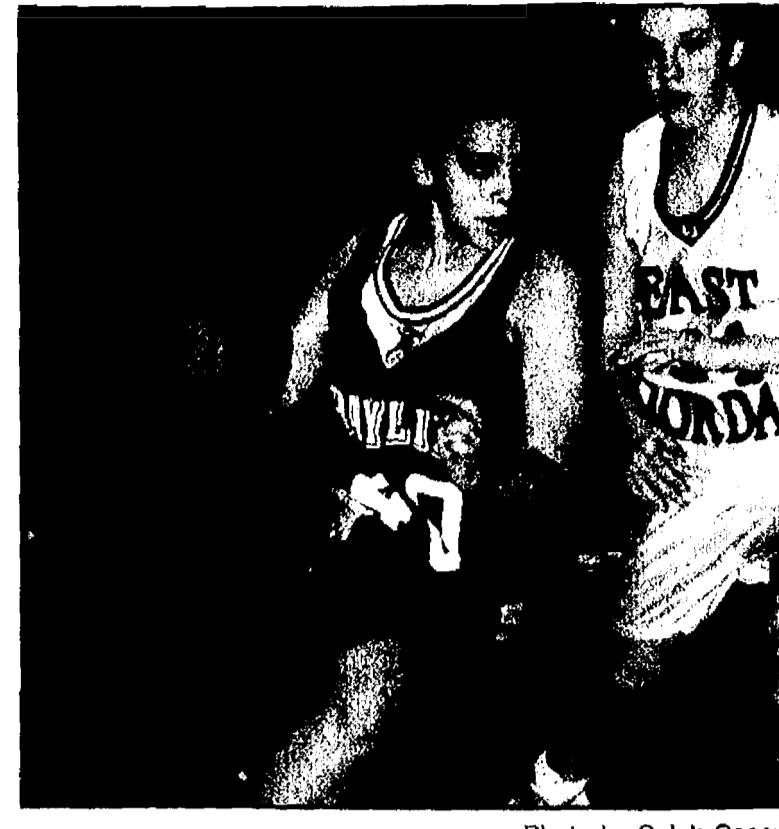


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Teresa Schreiber handles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday.

## JV Vikings lose by two at EJ

Continued from 1B

The Vikings tied the score at 19-19 with baskets by Rebecca Money and Shalee Miller. East Jordan scored four points with a lay-up and a jump shot. A put-back by Ann Hamlin at the 3:58 mark cut East Jordan's lead to two. A jump shot and a free throw gave the Red Devils a 26-21 advantage with 3:26 remaining.

Money converted two free throws for GHS at the 3:18 mark. A put-back by Hamlin cut East Jordan's lead to one, 26-25. One free throw put the Red Devils ahead by two with 2:15 left in the fourth period.

At the 1:43 mark, Hali Miller hit two free throws to tie the game at 27-27. East Jordan answered with an inside shot to lead by two. The Red Devils stole the ball and gave it back with a turnover. Grayling was called for a technical foul for reaching across the sideline and touching the ball during an in-bounds play. East Jordan hit one of the two resulting free throws to lead by three.

The technical foul also gave East Jordan possession of the ball. The Red Devils shot and missed, and Grayling rebounded the ball. East Jordan fouled and Carlie Money hit one of two at the free-throw line. Grayling trailed by two with 1:16 remaining.

East Jordan tried a three-pointer and Haley Wiseman rebounded the ball. Grayling got two shots off before turning the ball over with a travelling violation. The Vikings fouled and East Jordan hit one of two shots at the line. Grayling turned the ball over, and East Jordan gave it back with a turnover.

The Vikings missed a shot attempt and East Jordan came down with the rebound. H. Miller stole the ball for Grayling. With one second left, East Jordan fouled H. Miller, who converted one of two at the free-throw line.

East Jordan won 31-29.

"This was a disappointing loss. We lost to a team we should have beaten. No mat-



Photo by Caleb Casey

Ashley Jensen plays defense during last Tuesday's JV game at East Jordan.

Hofman said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Rebecca Money, 6 points, 6 steals; Hamlin, 6 points, 8 rebounds, 6 steals; S. Miller, 5 points; H. Miller, 4 points, 3 rebounds; Ashley Jensen, 3 points, 2 rebounds; C. Money, 2 points, 4 steals, 2 rebounds; Wiseman, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost 39-30 at Elk Rapids.

"(The) girls played a real solid game against Elk Rapids. Even in the loss, it was one of our more consistent outings quarter to quarter. We were able to tie it up at halftime, 18-18. We had a lull in the third quarter, which gave the Elks an eight-point lead. In the fourth (period) we played well, but every time we pulled to within four or five the Elks would hit a big shot.

The difference was shooting. The Elks were a better outside shooting team and they hit some timely 12 to 15-foot shots," Coach Hofman said.

"The effort both offensively and defensively was outstanding and we showed a lot of toughness playing against a team that was very physical and allowed to play that way," Coach Hofman said. "The girls really improved their free throw shooting this game. It kept us in the game. We were 10 for 16 in the first half and 8 for 18 in the second half. This is still not real good, but it is improvement."

Grayling's leading scorers were: S. Miller, 9 points, 4 rebounds; Hamlin, 9 points, 10 rebounds; C. Money, 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals; R. Money, 4 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals; Kristen Todoroff, 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; H. Miller, 1 point, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Wiseman, 5 rebounds.

The Vikings (4-13 overall) will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Feb. 19.

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NOTICE TO  
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FILE NO. 09-7540-DE  
Estate of DORIS LUCILLE LOWE, Date of birth: 07/12/1917

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Doris Lucille Lowe, who lived at 405 Madsen St., Grayling, Michigan died February 2, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Glenda G. Sampsel, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Glenda G. Sampsel  
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of South Branch Township and answered questions from those in attendance. The Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to adopt the Northflight Agreement with recommended changes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Janisse, to approve the purchase of oxygen bottles and extinguishers at a cost of \$743.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to approve for payment the attorney invoice in the amount of \$965.90. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by George, to accept for payment the invoice, in the amount of \$1,095.00 from BS&A Software for service and tech support for the year 2009. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to support the Crawford County Recycling Program at a cost of \$1,500.00, with the stipulation that the County respond to the questions and concerns expressed by the Township. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to sign off as the government entity in support of the River Clean-up Program Grant. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor Kozlowski opened the Budget Public Hearing at 8:58 p.m. The Board reviewed the proposed 2009/2010 South Branch Township Budget. The Public Hearing on the Budget closed at 9:42 p.m.

The floor was opened to Public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$74,176.55) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 11, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(a)(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 18, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank as successor to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. f/k/a Standard Federal Bank, N.A.

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## SYNOPSIS

**SOUTH  
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**February 10, 2009**

**Regular Board  
Meeting and Budget  
Public Hearing**

**Minutes  
Unapproved**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman. Absent: None. Pledge of Allegiance. Public Comment: None.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, January Regular and Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for February, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Hearing regarding USDA grant for proposed Fire/EMS Command Vehicle opened at 7:05 p.m. The Chief explained what the grant will be used for, and how the Command Vehicle will help to provide better service to the residents

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, husband and wife to

Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was

Standard Federal Bank, N.A., Mortgage, dated June 4, 2005 and recorded June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 42 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$76,693.24) including interest 3.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 18, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Unit 14 and 15, of Ausable County Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Commonly known as 1515 Lumberjack Ct, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(a)(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank as successor to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. f/k/a Standard Federal Bank, N.A.

Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

811 South Blvd. Suite 100

Rochester Hills, MI 48307

(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 09-04659

-5-12-19-26

## Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

**Organizational Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 1:00 P.M.

**To Hear Taxpayer Petitions:** Monday, March 9, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax (989)275-4860, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2009.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2009 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor  
5245 M-18  
P.O. Box 606  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989)275-8232.



Jonathan Martin

1st place



Kyle Schmidt

1st place



Zach Mack

1st place

## Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

Eleven members of the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club placed in the top four at regionals, earning a spot in the upcoming state finals tournament.

The 2009 Northeast Michigan Wrestling Association's northern region tournament was held on Feb. 14 at Gladwin this year. The state finals will be held in Bay City on Feb. 21.

Grayling's state qualifiers included:

Jonathan Martin, 1st, weight class: 59, age group: 9-10 - "Jonathan wrestled well, beating both of his opponents by a large point margin to move on. Jonathan is looking to defend his state title from last year," Coach Larry Duvall said.

Michael Phipps, 3rd, weight class: 90, age group: 9-10 - "(Michael) won his first match and then lost two to take third. This is Michael's first regional, so to qualify is a tribute to his hard work," Coach Duvall said.

Zach Cheney, 4th, weight class: 90, age group: 11-12 - "Zach wrestled very well in a very tough weight bracket. Zach lost his first match in a close decision and then won his next to make it in the top four," Coach Duvall said.

Kyle Schmidt, 1st, weight class: 85, age group: 13-14 - "(Kyle) won both his matches to take first. Kyle has improved greatly this year and should be a contender for the state title," Coach Duvall said.

Ghaye Toomey, 4th, weight class: 80, age group: 11-12 - "Ghaye is a first year kid that is smart and very tough. He made it through regionals, taking fourth. He will have to wrestle hard to finish at states," Coach Duvall said.

Zach Mack, 1st, weight class: 95, age group: 13-14 - "(Zach) won both of his matches to capture his second regional title in a row. Zach is a dominant wrestler that has moved up two weight classes most of the year. Zach is also defending his state title from last year."

Devin Joseph, 1st, weight

# Legal Action

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott J. LaFond, Jennifer Everland, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagor, dated July 8, 2005 and recorded July 14, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 263, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Fifty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$142,056.26) including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL H: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 corner on the South line of said Section and the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along said Section line, 305.05 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 38 seconds East, 365.10 feet; thence North 67 degrees 17 minutes 43 seconds West, 328.56 feet to a point on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds West along said line, 492.79 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with the herein after described ingress and egress easement. Also, together with a 1/12th interest in that part described as Parcel B. Also subject to right-of-way for Shaw Park Road. INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, lying East of and adjacent to the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section 3 and the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said line, 162.39 feet to an Intersection Point "A"; thence continuing North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said line, 317.23 feet; thence returning to said Intersection Point "A", being 33 feet in width, lying 16.50 feet on each side of and adjacent to a line described as: North 58 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West, 41.12 feet; thence North 81 degrees 16 minutes 05 seconds West, 115.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds

## Planning Commission Members Wanted

Frederic Township Planning Commission is restructuring and is now looking for any interested person(s) that would like to be part of our Planning commission. Please submit a letter of interest to the Frederic Township Supervisor at P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 or deliver in person during our normal business hours, Monday thru Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm. Please submit the letter of interest by March 2, 2009 before 2 pm.

## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 4:30 PM at the Township Hall.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 9, 2009 from 9:00 AM until noon and 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Township Hall. Also on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Township Hall. Any correspondence may be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Fred Schabla  
Lovells Township Supervisor

MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.4074 ASAP# 2997622 02/19/2009, 02/26/2009, 03/05/2009, 03/12/2009 -19-26-5-12

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara R Backer, an Unmarried Woman, By Brenda L Mackinnon, Attorney In Fact, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated February 1, 2007, and recorded on March 7, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 595, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seven And 93/100 Dollars (\$57,507.93), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South (along the West Section line) 349.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees 23' 33" East 233 feet; thence South 280.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees West 233 feet; thence North 280.9 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 19, 2009

For more information, please call:

FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-

2525

File #196161F01

-19-26-5-12

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Bresette, And Theresa Bresette, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage

## MILITARY DUTY

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Z. Backus and Amanda Lyn Rohn n/k/a Amanda Lyn Backus, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 24, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 658, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen And 78/100 Dollars (\$51,616.78), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West on the North line thereof 743.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West 160 feet; thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes East, 660.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes East, 160 feet; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes West 660.7 feet to the place of beginning, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009

For more information, please call:

FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-

2525

File #205430F02

Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank, successor by merger to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640, Mortgagor, dated February 21, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, at page 476, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and Seventy-Nine Hundredths Dollars (\$66,155.79).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in

Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Five and Two Hundred Forty Thousandths percent (5.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagor on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interests in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows:

Lot 617, Indian Glens of the AuSable No. 6, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; provided, however, that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Date: January 21, 2009

William R. Garchow (P61833)

CURRIE KENDALL, PLC

6024 Eastman Avenue

Midland, Michigan 48640

(989)839-0300

Attorneys for Chemical Bank

22-29-5-12-19

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eric Fisher, a single man, Mortgagor, of 10587 Indian Woods

## NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet for its Organizational Meeting at the Frederic Township Hall at 7564 County Rd. 612 Frederic, MI on Tuesday March 3rd 1:00 PM.

The board of review will meet with the public on:

Monday March 9th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday March 14th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Frederic Township:

### TENTATIVE

#### CLASSIFICATION RATIO FACTORS

Commercial	55.61	0.8991
Industrial	50.60	0.9881
Residential	51.30	0.9747
Timber Cut-Over	49.75	1.0050

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a (2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

William T. Johnson  
Frederic Township Supervisor

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated May 17, 2004, and recorded on May 25, 2004 in Liber 668 on page 487, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen And 78/100 Dollars (\$51,616.78), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence North 89 degrees 4



## Legal Action

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marcus D. Weaver, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2008, and recorded on February 15, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 292, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four And 70/100 Dollars (\$63,834.70), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

**PARCEL 9; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE 1323.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 8 LINE 927.35 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 335.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST 1339.3 FEET THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 1429.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF THE EAST 1 / 2 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING 33.0 FEET EITHER SIDE OF A CENTER-LINE DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALMOST SECTION LINE 1391.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES EAST ALONG 1 / 3 LINE 1920.2 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-72, THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 82.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 195.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 04 MINUTES EAST 705.1 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5 DEGREE 00 MINUTES EAST 360.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 280.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST 709.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 90 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST 505.3 FEET IN THE POINT OF ENDING SAID EASEMENTS TO BE USED IN COMMON BY THE PARTIES HERETO, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RAY E. BOWERS, SINGLE and CAROLYN K. BOHN, AS JOINT TENANTS FULL RIGHTS OF SURVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CLB 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

-19-26-5-12

### MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BARBARA A. SELESKY and MARJORIE P. WALL, AS JOINT TENANTS AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004, and recorded on August 23, 2004, in Liber 671, on Page 124, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. BANK

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12, as assigned,Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$176,033.36), including interest at 10.400% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN: COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1 / 4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1 / 4 LINE) 563.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 1323.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 400 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES EAST, 171.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST, 135.0 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 200.4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES

25 MINUTES EAST, 225.2 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CHICKSAW TRAIL; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST (ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY), 202.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST, 135.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS PARCEL EXTENDS TO THE WATERS EDGE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in

accordance with 1948CLB 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2009  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12  
Mortgagor/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

-19-26-5-12

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 9th, 2009, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 12th from 6 pm-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 14th, from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk  
MBOR/pak

## 2009 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
<b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	120,600	121,181	49.76	1.0048
201 Commercial	3,933,800	3,868,804	50.84	0.9835
301 Industrial	13,818,200	13,818,200	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	69,090,950	68,298,685	50.58	0.9885
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	86,963,550	86,106,870	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	22,751,700	22,751,363	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	109,715,250	108,858,233	-	-
<b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,432,900	2,187,466	55.61	0.8991
301 Industrial	460,400	454,940	50.60	0.9881
401 Residential	71,678,100	69,861,696	51.30	0.9747
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,647,200	1,692,213	48.67	1.0273
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	76,218,600	74,196,315	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,557,400	6,557,800	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	82,776,000	80,754,115	-	-
<b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	10,592,500	10,518,868	50.35	0.9930
301 Industrial	14,017,200	13,979,297	50.14	0.9972
401 Residential	234,459,700	235,637,889	49.75	1.0050
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	259,069,400	260,136,054	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,109,600	7,109,313	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	266,179,000	267,245,367	-	-
<b>LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,341,000	2,344,751	49.92	1.0016
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	69,093,300	71,626,521	48.23	1.0367
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	71,434,300	73,971,272	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	4,466,400	4,466,358	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	75,900,700	78,437,630	-	-
<b>MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	1,063,200	1,087,784	48.87	1.0231
301 Industrial	1,576,500	1,471,989	53.55	0.9337
401 Residential	27,741,500	27,017,433	51.34	0.9739
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	30,381,200	29,577,206	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	2,960,280	2,960,280	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	33,341,480	32,537,486	-	-
<b>SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	4,123,400	3,984,731	51.74	0.9664
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	118,497,200	119,725,342	49.49	1.0103
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	123,632,800	124,730,641	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,718,100	3,716,327	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	127,348,900	128,446,968	-	-
<b>CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	35,114,800	35,255,823	49.80	1.0040
301 Industrial	7,101,800			

# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 21, 1963 - Pictured above are the boys and girls basketball teams at Grayling High School for the year 1928. In the bottom row are (from left to right) Margaret Warren, Lillian Swanson, Elizabeth Swanson, Evelyn Johnson, Ruth Chamberlain, Captain Mary E. Schumann, Elizabeth Matson, Boots LaMotte and coach Miss Grace Hood. In the back row are (from left to right) Carl Speck, Francis Brady, Paul Hendrickson, Charles Wylie, Captain Julian Smith, Kendall Stinchcomb, Henry LaGrow, Elmer Neal, Elmer Fenton and coach Devere Cushman.

### 23 Years Ago

February 20, 1986

More than 150 people attended the Grayling Little League Baseball Clinic and most of the young players, parents or coaches received individual instruction from former Yankee great Tom Tresh, CMU head coach

Dean Kreiner, Terry J. Lynch Northwood head coach, Fred Wolcott GHS head baseball coach and others.

A proposal to change Camp Shawono to a medium security training center and regional maximum security holding center for juveniles could add another 20-25 jobs to the camp. The proposed change with extra jobs could bump the annual payroll at the camp an additional \$800,000 above the

current level. There are 23 employees working at Camp Shawono currently.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a motion 4-1 banning smoking during their meetings. The ban started Feb. 13.

Five Grayling High School wrestlers advanced to regional competition by winning medals in district action last Saturday. Robert Johnson and Ward Jones both won district titles. Fred Fisher, Mark Lowe and Buck Monforton also advanced to regionals.

Skiing in the Harbor Springs Petoskey Invitational, the Viking skiers won four medals in the girls competition and two in the boys. Top skiers for the Vikings were dual

medal winners Julie Huss and Cari Longworth.

### 46 Years Ago

February 21, 1963

The Grayling Upholstery and Mattress factory, owned and operated by Ray Stephan, is now located in the Jansen Plumbing building in the Upstate Shopping Center.

Jack Mason, Jr., an eighth grader at St. Mary's, Mark Anderson, a GHS junior, along with their coach Hugo Bohm, are scheduled to leave this week for the Central United States Ski Association Divisional Meet to be held in Lutsen, Minn. The two boys were selected a week ago at Nubs Nob and are part of a group

of 56 boys and girls who will represent Region III.

Seven Grayling business people began a 14 week course developed by Dale Carnegie. Those from Grayling enrolled in the course are Larry LaGrow, Charles Kroll, Gerald Burns, Mrs. Lillian Houghton, Gerald McEvers, Arnold Mauren and Robert Hayes.

### 69 Years Ago

February 22, 1940

The Hanson Cafe basketball team defeated the Boyne City team at Boyne City in a good game. The score was 41-39. Marshall was the high scorer for the game, making 14 points.

The Grayling Flying Club members have been taking advantage of the moonlit nights and have been getting in some night flying.

The Crawford County Sportsman's Club distributed alfalfa to the deer feeding at Lake Margrethe and School Section Lake.

Alex Kochanowski resigned his position at the city library and Howard Neal is the new librarian.

### 92 Years Ago

February 22, 1917

For some time now Sheriff Cody has been anxious to appoint a deputy at T-Town and finally settled on T. Hanson. He is now a full-fledged officer.

Lorane Sparkes, who has been spending a couple of months in Chicago taking a commercial course, has accepted a position in the Salling, Hanson Company office.

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 19, 2009

CAPRICORN December 22-January 19 All eyes are on you this week, Capricorn, and you will rise to the occasion. Take the family out to celebrate. A financial error is rectified quickly.	ARIES March 21-April 19 That pesky health issue rears its ugly head again. Use all of the resources at your disposal to squelch it once and for all, Aries.	CANCER June 22-July 22 Wisdom comes from an unlikely source.	TAURUS April 20-May 20 Haste makes waste, Taurus. Keep that in mind with a new assignment. Do your homework and proceed with caution. A belief comes under fire.	GEMINI May 21-June 21 Actions speak louder than words, Leo. Do what you know is right, and everything will turn out fine. A letter clears up a mystery and affirms your instincts.	VIRGO August 23-September 22 That wild and crazy friend makes one too many mistakes. Race to the rescue, Virgo. Only you can help them. A torrid love affair at work comes to an abrupt end.	LIBRA September 23-October 22 Chop-chop, Libra. Time's-a-wastin' on an auto repair. Fix it yourself or seek the help of another before travel plans come to a screeching halt. A friend's new attitude is welcoming.	SCORPIO October 23-November 21 Reason escapes you this week, Scorpio, and you may say some things you wish you hadn't. Wait for the air to clear before making amends. A friend needs you.	SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21 Silly pranks at work set the stage for a fabulous week. Sagittarius, join in the fun. Your home turns into a three-ring circus with the arrival of guests.
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The shelter has several great cats looking for loving new homes. Mallory visited the shelter recently and made friends with some of our kitties. She says that you should adopt her pals Sparkle or Fitzpatrick because they are "cute and cuddly and need a home." There are many outstanding animals of the shelter just waiting for families.

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For more pets or more information, visit our web site [www.usvc.petfinder.com](http://www.usvc.petfinder.com)

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### CHICKEN NACHO BAKE

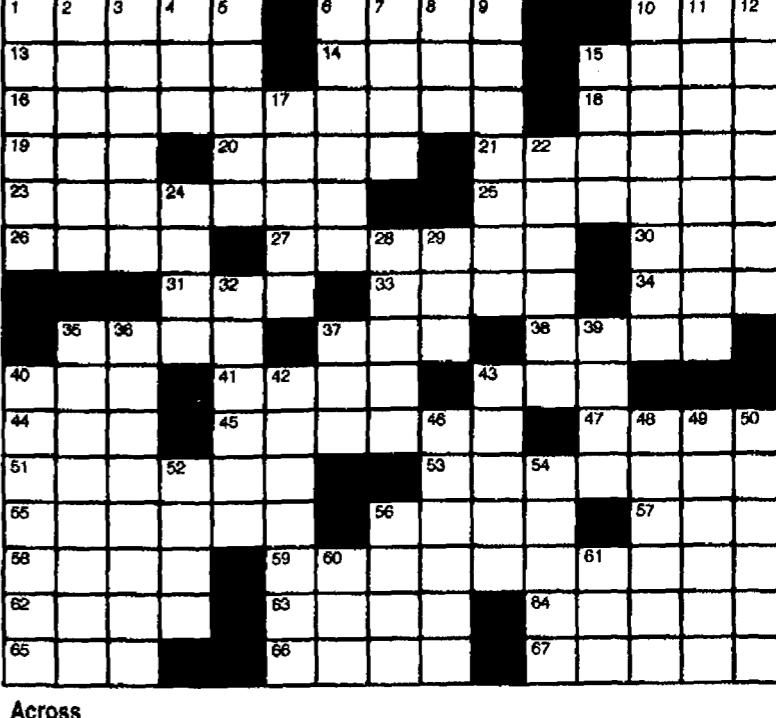
#### Ingredients:

- 4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.)
- 1/2 cup thick and chunky salsa
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup crushed tortilla chips
- 1/2 cup finely shredded cheese

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place chicken on foil-covered baking sheet. Slice three cuts on top of each chicken breast with sharp knife. Top each chicken breast evenly with salsa, sour cream and tortilla chips. Bake 20 min. Remove from oven; sprinkle with cheese. Bake an additional 10 min. or until chicken is cooked through (165°F). Prep Time: 10 min Total Time: 40 min Makes: 4 servings

## CROSSWORD



### Across

1. Shrewd
6. Pluck
10. Fluorcarbon with chlorine
13. Obsolete name for nitrogen
14. 100 cents
15. "Beat it!"
16. Weird Al Yankovic album
18. Make, as money
19. Antiquity, in antiquity
20. Bunch
21. Where has
23. Come in again
25. Salt or ester of hydrochloric acid
26. Dress worn primarily by Hindu women
27. Embrates
30. "My boy"
31. Census datum
33. Thai currency
34. Bon \_\_\_\_
35. Beach item
37. "What's \_\_\_\_?"
38. Final, e.g.
40. Head, for short
41. Egyptian fertility goddess
43. "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"
44. "\_\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
45. Dignified and sombre
47. \_\_\_\_ of the Apostles
51. Last imperial dynasty of China
53. Not commonly encountered
55. Having gears engaged
56. Bowl over
57. Biology class abbr.
58. Short or waste piece or knot of wool separated from the longer staple by combing
59. Large tank where solid matter is disintegrated by bacteria
60. "\_\_\_\_ it the truth!"
63. Sundae topper, perhaps
64. Cliffside dwelling
65. Dust remover
66. Stooge
67. Hammer parts

### Down

1. Heavy wooden poles tossed as a test of strength
2. Flowering shrub
3. Drives person
4. \_\_\_\_ power
5. Bakery supply
6. Actor Depardieu
7. European freshwater fish resembling the roach
8. Bank offering, for short
9. Have in view
10. Personal magnetism
11. Doom beforehand
12. Permission
13. Lentil, e.g.
17. Mountaineer's tool
22. Lodge
24. Not yet final, at law
28. Corpulent
29. Handle clumsily
32. Biblical prophet
35. Psychological disorder characterized by delusions of persecution or grandeur
36. Retaliating
37. Bubkes
39. Dec. holiday
40. Layered
42. Large spiny tropical fruit with tart pulp
43. Boredom
46. Goat meat
48. Arrow poison
49. Complex phenolic substances of plant origins
50. Quenches
52. Member of a European people who once occupied Britain, Spain and Gaul prior to Romantime
54. Open, as a bottle
56. Gush
60. Victorian, for one
61. Athletic supporter?

## SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

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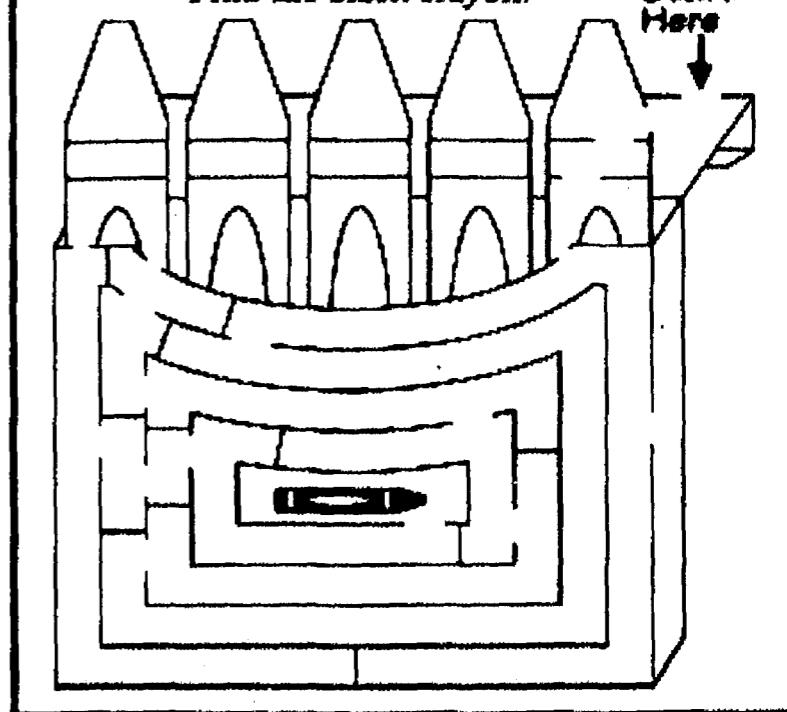
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WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER ON BACK PAGE

## MAZE



Find the black crayon.

Start Here

ANSWER ON BACK PAGE



## 4. Services Offered

**D. HAWES / Driver's Training:** Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

**SNOW & ICE REMOVAL** Off roofs, snowplowing and entranceways cleared. 30 years experience. Call Jerry, 989-348-7046. (-12-19-26/4)

**SNOW REMOVAL** Bear Lake area. Al's Outdoor Maintenance, 231-258-1245. (-19-26/5)

**PROFESSIONAL** Roof clearing/snow and ice removal. We protect shingles, pipes and exterior fixtures from damage during clearing. Call anytime 989-390-6172. (-12-19-26/4)

**INCOME TAX SERVICE** Very reasonable rates and electronic filing at no extra charge. Always confidential. Call Marge, 989-821-5542. (LR4/9/09/4)

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**JEFF BLACK'S PAINTING SERVICES** Very reasonable rates for residential interior and exterior paint jobs. I am reliable and honest. Try me, you won't be disappointed. I have references upon request. 586-949-1311, cell 586-243-4672. (-12-19-26/4)

**LICENSED DAY CARE** In town has full time openings. Monday through Friday. Call Jackie at 344-1578. (-12-19/4)

**FOR THE BEST SERVICE** on appliances, heating, cooling and refrigeration. Call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling 989-348-4252. (2/19/09tf/4)

## 5. For Sale

**HARD MAPLE** \$55 per cord and up delivered. Please call 989-390-2155 anytime. (-5-12-19/5)

## 3. Employment

## Opportunity Knocks



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Surgery - Full time days, previous OR experience preferred

Maternal/Newborn - Full time Nights, 12 hour shifts

CCU - Full time Nights, 12 hour shifts

Med/Surg - New grads welcome, Full time nights, 12 hour shifts

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Registered Respiratory Therapist - Full time, day or night shift, 12 hour shifts. Michigan License required.

ORTech - Full time afternoon shift. Previous experience or completion of ORTech program required.

Clinical Assistant - Full time positions available, completion of Medical Assistant Course, LPN or RN required.

Lab Attendant - Previous phlebotomy experience preferred. Full time nights, 7 days on - 7 days off.

Unit Clerk - Full time positions available. Medical Terminology experience preferred.

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## 5. For Sale

**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Oak fire wood, \$60 face cord, immediate delivery. 989-390-3930, Marty. (-19-27-5/5)

**CABIN LOGS** rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR03/26/09/5)

**SNOWMOBILE FOR SALE** 2002 MXZ 600 Skidoo. Less than 4,000 miles, excellent condition. Asking \$2,500 OBO. 348-5817. (-19/5)

## 6. Wanted

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**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Oak fire wood, \$60 face cord, immediate delivery. 989-390-3930, Marty. (-19-27-5/5)

**BUYING JUNK VEHICLES** Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

**BUYING SCRAP METAL** All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

## 8. Announcements

**SPRING THOUGHTS** Fly tying classes, February 26, 2009. Call 989-745-2480 for information. Trout's Choice, Mike Kulhawik. (-12-19-26/5/8)

**MIP** and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

**PLANNING** To purchase a monument or grave marker? We have been advised that prices with our supplier will increase in March. Monuments and grave markers ordered by February will be at last year's price and most can be set in the cemetery before Memorial Day. Contact or visit Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for more details or assistance with designing a monument or grave marker. Terry Lockwood, 348-2951. (-12-19/8)

**SAVE UP TO \$2,000** On the purchase of a Central Boiler ECCLASSIC 2300 and ThermoPex! Eliminate your heating bill. Limited time offer. Call today, 348-7484. (-19-26/5)

**94 SKIDOO** Formula Z 583. 1,150 miles, \$1,200 OBO. Call 989-274-9802, ask for Jason. (-19/5)

**CKC WIREHAIR FOX TERRIER** Five females, \$350. Dennis, 989-387-4256. (-19-26/5)

**GORGEOUS** Ladies 14kt. yellow gold bridal ring set. Total diamond weight is .71 carats. Center diamond weight is .55 carats with eight accenting diamonds. Paid \$3,400 asking \$2,200 or best offer. Please call 989-390-6045 if interested, or stop into Don's Accounting across from The Lone Pine Restaurant to view. (-19-26/5)

**WANTED**  
Non-Profit 501C3  
Human Service Agencies interested in applying for funding through United Way of Crawford County. Allocation Packets are now available by calling 344-9300

United Way  
of Crawford County

## 8. Announcements

**HALL FOR RENT** American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

**ATTENTION CLASSMATES OF 1989** Reunion scheduled for July 18th at Hanson Hills. Family time during the day and evening for adults. Please contact Janet Petrosky at janet-pelark@hotmail.com. (-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

## 9. Personals

**ADOPT** Loving, financially secure married couple hopes to adopt newborn. Some expenses paid. Please call Brian & Jamie toll free 877-610-1802. (-19-26-5-12/9)

**HALL FOR RENT** with kitchen facility. Also, taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/9)

## 11. Automotive

**CAR DETAILING** Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07tf/11)

**AUTO GLASS** repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/11)

## 9. Personals

**WISHING YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY CHARLIE**

Charlie Fick is recovering from a serious heart attack. Updates on his recovery can be found on [fickandsons.com/charlie](http://fickandsons.com/charlie)

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## 8. Announcements

## 11. Automotive

**2003 CHEVY TRAIL-BLAZER LT** Extended 4x4, lock exterior/interior, three rows, seats seven, good condition. 109,000 miles. \$6,700. 989-390-2285. (-19-26/11)

**2002 DODGE DAKOTA SLT** 4 wheel drive, 6 cylinder. Asking \$4,600. For more information, call Ron, 989-390-2285. (-19-26/11)

**FOR SALE** 2005 Dodge Caravan SE stow and go, \$6,500. 989-348-7053. (-12-19/11)

## 11. Automotive

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## SUDOKU

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